

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Young Adult Services

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

AB 49 IS INTRODUCED

On December 04, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52nd District) introduced AB 49, which will create the “Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program.”

Sponsored by the Library of California Board, and supported by the California Library Association, the Department of Education and numerous law enforcement agencies, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

The bill is identical to AB 2486 which was introduced last year by Assemblymember Washington, but was not signed by the Governor.

According to the bill, prior to the most recent amendments, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries that provide services to youth including, but not limited to, occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. In the December 4, 2000 version, [LDS1]\$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a competitive grant award basis.

amended in assembly May 1, 2001
amended in assembly May 31, 2001
amended in senate July 18, 2001

AB 49 HEARINGS

AB 49 was heard by the Assembly on Thursday, June 7, 2001, and was passed to the Senate (Ayes 56. Noes 20). The bill was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 49 was heard by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday, July 11 and was amended (See Exhibit A). Amendments included inclusion of \$400,000 (all funding had been previously deleted by the Assembly Appropriations Committee). The bill was passed (Ayes 11, Noes 2, 1 person absent, abstaining, or not voting) and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Testimony was provided by Susan Steinhauser on behalf of the Library of California Board. Additional support was provided by the California Library Association, Los Angeles County Board of Education, California PTA, Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the City of Los Angeles.

AB 49 will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 20, 2001.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Updates on activities by Board members and staff.

Relevant Committee: Access Services
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer

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[LDS1] Place closer to the word “youth.” ctb